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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3038, a Bill to ensure diversity in proposal review teams (House, No. 4784). June 21, 2010.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

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An Act to ensure diversity in proposal review teams.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 30B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 6 the following section:—

Section 6A. Any state agency or quasi-public nonprofit corporation that solicits state funding through a request for proposals shall ensure, when possible, that there is a diverse group of individuals to evaluate the proposals. In selecting the members of the proposal review group, the chief procurement officer shall include a sufficient number of individuals to adequately reflect the geographic area and demographics of the population to be served through the grant program under review. If a state agency or quasi-public nonprofit corporation is unable to ensure that there is a diverse group of individuals to evaluate proposals, it shall issue a written statement explaining why having a diverse proposal review group is not possible under the circumstances.